United Nations A/57/112

General Assembly

Distr.: General
28 May 2003

Original: English

Fifty-seventh session
Agenda item 17 (f)
Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the note by the Secretary-General of 31 May 2002 (A/57/107), the General Assembly is required, during its current session, to appoint one member of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) to fill the vacancy that will arise from the expiration on 31 December 2003 of the term of office of Armando Duque González.

2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the JIU statute, the President of the Assembly, having held the necessary consultations and on the basis of the candidate submitted by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, requested Trinidad and Tobago to propose a candidate (see annex I).

3. The President of the Assembly has held the consultations prescribed in article 3, paragraph 2, of the JIU statute, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination. The replies received from the President of the Council and from the Secretary-General to identical letters addressed to them on 19 November 2002 by the President of the Assembly are attached (see annexes II and III).

4. Having completed the required consultations, the President of the Assembly has the honour to submit to the Assembly the following candidate for appointment as a member of JIU for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 2004 and expiring on 31 December 2008:

Christopher Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago)

03-37428 (E) 300503

Annex I

Letter dated 18 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to the selection by the General Assembly on 3 October 2002 of Trinidad and Tobago as the country to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Joint Inspection Unit that will arise upon the expiration of the term of office of Armando Duque González on 31 December 2003.

In that regard, I wish to confirm that Trinidad and Tobago has nominated Ambassador Christopher Thomas to the above-mentioned post for the period 1 January 2004-31 December 2008.

(*Signed*) Philip **Sealey**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex II

Letter dated 20 February 2003 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the General Assembly

I wish to inform you, in my capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council and in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, that I have reviewed the qualifications of the proposed candidate and I have pleasure in informing you that I am in full agreement with the decision taken by the chairmen of regional groups to nominate Christopher Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago).

(*Signed*) Gert **Rosenthal**
President of the Economic and Social Council

Annex III

Letter dated 23 May 2003 from the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 19 November 2002 regarding the proposed appointment of a new member of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU).

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the JIU statute, I have the pleasure to inform you that I concur, in my capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, with the appointment of Christopher Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago) beginning on 1 January 2004 and ending on 31 December 2008.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**